

ANOTHER JUROR
SOON CHOSENHe is William H. Roberts, for
Thaw Trial

TWO MEMBERS DROPPED.

He Walked Into Court Room To-day
With a Springy Step—Several Ve-
nemen Fined for Failure
to Appear.

New York, Jan. 7.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White was resumed this morning at 10:30. Nine prospective jurors passed a pleasant night in palatial quarters at the Knickerbocker hotel, and came into the court room this morning at 10 a. m. Thaw walked into the court room with a springy step, stopping to exchange a few words with Attorney Peabody before taking his seat. Peabody had been early at the Thaw's for an hour's conference with his client regarding it, is supposed, over-night revelations in connection with the talesmen now in the box.

William H. Roberts, of No. 161 Washington street, Manhattan, was accepted as a juror to-day. Several of the assesses among the venemen were fined \$250 each for failure to heed the court summons. When the prisoner came in, Josiah Thaw was the only member of the family present. Evelyn came in soon after and smiled a greeting at her husband as she took her seat. She was attired as yesterday in a blue school girl suit.

The occupants of the jury box are: Charles E. Gremmels, ship broker, John R. Hattett, cigar dealer, George B. Morewood, importer, Floyd S. Sanford, bank manager, Arthur E. Naughton, baker, Maurice Bonvier, exporter, George W. Carey, dry goods dealer, William H. Roberts.

Jurors 5 and 6, James B. Conway, a hotel keeper, and William E. Brewer, a decorator, were excused by consent of the counsel on both sides today.

MT. ROYAL SHOWS UP
AFTER LONG DELAYCanadian Pacific Steamship Which Had
Been Given Up for Lost, Reaches
Queens town.

Queens town, Ireland, Jan. 7.—The long missing Canadian Pacific steamship Mount Royal reached the harbor to-day under easy steam. The delay in her arrival was due to an accident to her boilers on Christmas day. The steamer, with her 305 passengers and 100 seamen, had been practically given up as lost, and the insurance rate on her had risen to 30 per cent. She left Antwerp for St. John, N. B., on December 7. She is not a fast boat, but had never taken more than 19 days for the passage. Her captain says that very heavy weather was encountered from the day of her departure, and when her engine broke up he decided to make for Queens town.

The first news of the steamer, after her departure, was received last night, when it was announced that a vessel resembling the Mount Royal had been reported 250 miles west of Fastnet Light. It was felt certain that the vessel was the missing Mount Royal. This belief was later verified by the arrival of the vessel herself.

HAD CHILD'S MIND.

Testified Doctor Who Had Attended Ma-
han Family.

Bennington, Jan. 7.—Only a short session in the Mahan murder trial was held yesterday afternoon and court adjourned at 4:30 o'clock. Three witnesses for the defense were examined, Dr. D. A. Gleason, a North Bennington physician, who has attended the Mahan family, testified that in his opinion the respondent had the mind of a five-year-old child of ordinary intelligence. He also testified that he had examined Daniel Mahan, the respondent's brother who recently died in the asylum at Brattleboro, and had discovered no injury that could have caused the mental trouble.

GRANITE MEN WANT RAISE.

New Hampshire Cutters to Make De-
mand of Manufacturers.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 7.—The present working agreement between the granite cutters and manufacturers expires May 1, and under its provisions notice of changes desired by either side may be filed Feb. 1. The cutters have formulated a new bill to be presented on that day.

While it is impossible to give the details of the new bill, it appears that the Saturday half-holiday clause is to be operative only during the summer months. The cutters will ask for an increase in the minimum rate of wage from 37 1/2 cents per hour to 40 cents.

NO INCREASE FOR POLYEMEN.

Burlington Aldermen Refuse to Raise
Pay to \$45 a Month.

Burlington, Jan. 7.—Mayor Bigelow's veto of the resolution increasing the pay of policemen to \$45 a month was sustained by the aldermen last evening, and resolutions relating to purchase of a combination chemical engine and hose wagon and a new hook and ladder truck for the fire department was laid on the table until the state of the city's finances could be determined.

PUGILIST DIXON DIED
A MERE WRECKVeteran of Several Hundred Battles
Passed Away in New York Yester-
day, Practically Penniless
and Deserted.

New York, Jan. 7.—The greatest fighter of his time and the winner of several hundred fistie encounters, George Dixon, the negro pugilist, familiarly called "Little Chocolate," died yesterday in the alcoholic ward of Bellevue hospital, a victim of a long fight with drink. Idolized in his prime by thousands as a pugilistic hero, George Dixon passed away practically penniless and without friends. Dixon was 37 years old and for many years held the title of featherweight champion. He was a veritable fighting machine, his attack and defense being perfect, and his peculiar ability to strike a blow from any position made him a formidable opponent. Dixon won thousands of dollars in the prize ring which he spent with convivial companions.

A wasted worn figure was brought to Bellevue hospital two days ago and tucked in the alcoholic ward as George Dixon. To the doctor he said that he had "fought his last fight with John Farley" and had been beaten.

He told the physician that he had no friends except John L. Sullivan. His condition grew rapidly worse and late yesterday the former champion died.

The body of Dixon was removed last night to the Longacre Athletic club where it was placed on the site of the ring where the usual weekly boxing bouts are held. All through the night scores of people passed by the coffin to view the body of the once great fighter. Many of Dixon's admirers brought flowers and laid them on the casket.

VERMONT LAW UPHELD
BY U. S. SUPREME COURTDecision Unfavorable to The Burlington
Rendering Company Was Handled
Down at Washington Yesterday.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The supreme court of the United States yesterday in connection with the case of the Consolidated Rendering company vs. the State of Vermont in effect held to be constitutional the Vermont law requiring all corporations doing business in that state to produce in the courts their accounts and books containing information bearing upon any suit at issue.

HOPPE FALLS TO CUTLER.

Boston Wins Opening Billiard Match
Played in 182.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Albert G. Cutler of Boston had an easy time with Willie Hoppe last night, and defeated the young wizard of the cue at Allinger's academy by a score of 100 to 142, in a game of 182 ball line billiards.

From the start of the game Cutler held the upper hand, and only once was Hoppe dangerous. This was in the fifth inning, when he made a run of 93, putting him in the lead, 125 to 67. After this, however, Cutler became a very steady game, while Hoppe's, though brilliant in streaks, was a great disappointment.

After his long run Hoppe fell down on two very easy shots by overdriving, and was blanketed for the next two innings. Hoppe's mass shots were of the hair-raising variety. Cutler showed the greatest skill in nursing the balls, using the nurse along the balk line to perfection.

NEW GRAFT CHARGES
BROUGHT TODAYAgainst Three Men Who Are Accused of
Conspiring to Cheat The State of
Pennsylvania on Capitol
Building.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—Warrants are issued today for the arrest of Joseph M. Huston, architect, John Henderson, contractor, and Congressman P. Bird Cassel, president Pennsylvania Construction Co., on five new charges of obtaining money on false pretenses. These three men were indicted for conspiracy to cheat the state in furnishing the capitol. All will come here to formally enter bail.

TO EVICT 500 TENANTS.

East Side New York Landlords Apply
for the Papers and Get Men.

New York, Jan. 7.—More than five hundred warrants for the eviction of tenants participating in the strike for lower rents were issued yesterday by Justice Sanders in the municipal court. The papers authorize the immediate eviction of the tenants against whom they were drawn. It will take a score of marshals nearly two weeks to serve the notices. The tenants are maintaining a stout fight, and announced yesterday that the landlords of fifty-one houses had already agreed to reduce the rents.

The East side was calm yesterday after the riotous disorders of Sunday, when the police were forced to club the crowds to check the excited tenants who opposed the removal of the red flag that fluttered from the town-houses. There were several meetings of the striking tenants held last night.

800 BIRDS ON
EXHIBITIONHale's Pavilion Is Now One
Big Hencoop

LARGEST AND BEST SHOW

Opened This Morning Under Auspices of
Central Vermont Poultry and Pet
Stock Association and Will
Continue a Week.

The exhibition given by the Central Vermont Poultry and Pet Stock association—its second—opened at nine o'clock this morning at Hale's pavilion with what is conceded to be the finest exhibit of poultry that ever was assembled under one roof in Vermont. The show is far superior both in number of exhibits and quality to last year's show.

Although arrangements were not quite completed when the show opened this morning, many fencers were already present and it is expected that large numbers of people will attend throughout the show, which lasts a full week. There are in the show a total of about 400 coops all of which are new this year and about 800 birds and several turkeys and chickens.

The principal varieties shown are Rhode Island reds, barred, buff and white Plymouth rocks, White Wyandottes, Orpingtons and bantams. George Root is acting as superintendent of the show, assisted by various members of the club. The judges, A. C. Hawkins of Lancaster, Mass., D. P. Shove of Fall River, Mass., and Dr. C. W. Connelley of Bristol, N. H., began their work this morning and it is expected that premiums will be awarded on some classes tomorrow.

FORGIVING YOUNG MAN
FOUND A SUICIDESupposed to Be H. Grey Duberly, Son
of an English Captain, Died in a
New York Hospital.

New York, Jan. 7.—A young man, believed to be H. Grey Duberly, son of Captain James Grey Duberly, The Cannon, West Castle, Yarmouth, England, was found dead in his bed, evidently from the effects of a narcotic poison, in the Hermitage hotel last night.

Six letters were found in the dead man's room. One of the letters was addressed to his father, and another to the Hon. Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada. Another letter was addressed to the manager of the Hermitage hotel and said:

"Kindly communicate with my father, Captain Grey Duberly, the Cannon, West Castle, England. He will defray all expenses. Also communicate with Earl Grey, Ottawa, Canada. I regret, but all expenses will be paid."

NO MORE LIQUOR WITH MAIL.

Important Order Issued By Postmaster-
General Meyer.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Postmaster General Meyer has issued the order which has a direct bearing upon the prohibition movement.

TORCH IN HAND,
NIGHT RIDERS GOGreat Deal of Property Destroyed Early
This Morning at Bethel and
Shelburne, Ky.

Carlsale, Ky., Jan. 27.—Night riders early today burned the tobacco warehouse, the post-office and Peters Bros. store at Bethel, and at Shelburne burned an independent warehouse and 300,000 pounds of tobacco. Buyers in these places will ask the county judge to send to the government for troops to guard them and keep order.

SAMUEL FESSENDEN DEAD.

Most Noted Figure in Connecticut Politi-
cians Died To-day.

Stamford, Conn., Jan. 7.—Samuel Fessenden, the most noted figure in Connecticut politics, died today. He was secretary of the Republican national committee during the picturesque Blaine campaign. He was born in Maine in 1847.

ST. JOHNSBURY FIGHTS
STATE BD. OF HEALTHDemurrers Filed to Case Brought to
Compel People to Quit Drinking
Water.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 7.—The December term of the St. Johnsbury county court adjourned yesterday, although Judge W. L. Terman will remain here today or two longer on some chancery matters. Among a lot of state cases continued or nolle prossed, appears the case of state vs. H. J. Isham of Morrisville, which is entered on the docket as "not to be brought forward." Suit was brought to test the present law regarding the shipment of liquor C. O. D. in a no-license town, in this specific case the town being Hardwick.

Harry Blodgett, acting as attorney for the village, has filed a demurrer in the case brought by the state board of health against the village trustees and others to compel all alleged users of the village water for drinking purposes to desist. Lawyer Blodgett contends that the order is not binding, as it is brought against the village trustees, whose term of office expired January 1, 1908. Elsie May has also filed a demurrer on her own behalf. Lawyer May claims the suit should be brought against the name of the state through its legal representative, the attorney-general, rather than the state board of health, and further that neither the property owners or the village trustees have ever had notice that the water was going to be condemned, thus raising a question as to one's constitutional rights. The case comes up for hearing at the June term of court, and is likely to be taken from there to the supreme court on questions of law.

TWO LARGE FIRES
IN BOSTON LAST NIGHTCaused Loss of Quarter of a Million
Dollars, One on Border Street and
The Other on Meridian.

Boston, Jan. 7.—Boston suffered two heavy losses by fire last night, the first at the Suffolk Good company's yards on Border street, where the flames spread to the lumber yards of the George McQuesten company and the P. S. Hucens company, causing damage of \$150,000, and the second in the department store of John McNeely on Meridian street, where the loss was \$100,000.

THREATENS PROSECUTION.

Game Warden Tells Newfane Dog Owner
Trouble Will Follow.

Brattleboro, Jan. 7.—Rowell L. Frost of this town, Windham county fish and game warden, returned yesterday from Newfane, where he went to investigate reports of dogs chasing deer. Warden James Underwood of Newfane and two men who had seen two dogs chasing deer started out with Mr. Frost to locate the dogs. A dog at the home of Grant brothers and another at the home of Charles Goodenough were identified as offenders. Grant brothers told Mr. Frost they would keep the dog restrained and if more trouble was reported they would consider the identification satisfactory and would kill the dog. Mr. Frost says Mr. Goodenough stated that he would do as he pleased about restraining his dog, using words to give his determination sufficient emphasis, and Mr. Frost replied in substance that he, also, would act as he pleased in the matter, and he notified Mr. Goodenough that prosecution would be begun if the dog was caught chasing deer again.

JOINT MEETING.

Annual Gathering of Foresters and
Maple Sugar Makers.

Rutland, Jan. 7.—The annual meeting of the Vermont Forestry association opened this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the foresters meeting jointly with the Vermont Maple Sugar makers. At the opening session A. J. Croft of Enosburg, president of the sugar makers association, gave his annual address, discussing Vermont's maple sugar exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. V. V. Holden of Northfield spoke on "The Needs of the Vermont Sugar Industry" and there was an address by Prof. L. R. Jones of the university of Vermont, Burlington, on the topic "How the Maple Lives." Tomorrow and Thursday come the annual meetings of the Vermont Forestry association and the Vermont maple sugar makers, holding a joint banquet Thursday evening with Gov. Proctor and Lieut. Gov. Prouty as guests of honor.

NEGLIGENT FIREMEN.

Are Kept on Rutland Department's Fire
Roll, It Is Said.

Rutland, Jan. 7.—The Rutland city council is getting after the men who here with a view to keeping meat that is passed from the counters. To accomplish this end City Health Officer C. P. Hall was empowered to take the initiative in prosecuting all violators of city health ordinances. He reported that he had met in three shops lately but he did not then have authority to act.

A surprise was sprung at the meeting when Alderman Farrar charged the fire committee with keeping on the pay roll all firemen who were negligent. He has missed 22 fires in a year, and that 20, a third 18. The committee replied in defense that these men were unfit for service because of injuries or sickness from exposure in the city's service. Alderman Farrar will sift the matter.

HELD FOR COUNTY COURT.

But Nothing to Connect Bessette with
Stealing Liquor.

Montgomery, Jan. 7.—Wallace Bessette was arraigned before Justice of the Peace N. M. Post yesterday afternoon, charged with furnishing liquor illegally, and was held for his appearance at the March term of county court under bonds of \$300 which he furnished. No evidence could be obtained in regard to the alleged larceny by Bessette of a box of liquor from the stage. George Duffy was fined \$5 and costs for intoxication, and as he was a minor a disclosure was taken.

DECLARE WAR
ON CANINESCity Council Will Either Collar
or Kill Them

OTHER COMPLAINTS MADE

Street Committee Makes Reply to Ex-
Mayor Hersey on Tremont Street
Question With a Counter
Charge.

Unless the owners of Barre's numerous supply of dogs look after their pet canines and see that they are wearing collars with their owners' names on them and their license numbers according to the decree of the statutes, there is liable to be a war on dogs in Barre, and that very soon. At the regular meeting of the city council last evening, Alderman Ladd reported that several complaints had been made to him that any number of dogs could be seen any day running about the streets with no collars what ever about their necks and if any damage is done by such dogs, their owners could not be found to be prosecuted for the misdemeanors of their pets. Alderman Ladd then made a motion, which was voted by the council, that the police and the city constable be notified to be on the lookout for collarless dogs and carry out the letter of the law, namely, "kill, or cause to be killed."

The alderman from ward one had two more complaints that had come to him to report. One was that the corridor doors at the post-offices were not being opened up on time on Sunday mornings. The doors, he said, were supposed to be opened up by the janitor at 10 o'clock, but last Sunday morning, he stated, he was a witness to the fact that they were not opened until fifteen or twenty minutes past the hour, and a large crowd of people had been forced to stand around in the cold that length of time. He stated that he thought that the janitor had been waiting on the favors of the post-office officials and opening them when they were ready to give out the mail, and he made a recommendation that the janitor again be instructed to unlock the doors at 10 o'clock sharp for the further reason that as the post-office closed at 11 o'clock, one hour was none too much time in which the large crowd could be waited upon.

The second complaint came from the police department, which claims that the station is not properly heated nights. Both of these complaints were referred to the property committee.

The report from the police department for the month of December was read and accepted. The report showed that there were 37 arrests in the month, 27 for intoxication, 3 for breach of the peace, 3 for selling, one for keeping a gambling resort, one for tramp, one for larceny and one for search and seizure. The report of the overseer of the poor for the month of December was read and accepted. The building inspector reported ten permits granted in the past month.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred the communication from ex-Mayor Hersey relative to the grading of Tremont street, reported that on Nov. 19, 1900, when Mr. Hersey was mayor, there were certain agreements entered into by certain parties in regard to laying out and working Tremont street; that the heirs of the A. B. Averill estate signed papers allowing the city to make a cut of 2 1/2 feet in part of their property at the corners of Tremont and Park streets, without land damage, and that at the same time Mr. Hersey and others signed an agreement to give the right of way across their several lands and work of grade the street to the satisfaction of the street commissioners, provided the city lower the grade 2 1/2 feet at the Averill property as agreed with the Averill heirs, and build a culvert at the ravine on the Hersey land. All of these agreements the committee reported they found in the files of the city.

The committee also reported that they had found that Mr. Hersey is occupying a large portion of Tremont street as private land, and has a line of trees in the same, and that he also has trees six feet or more outside of his line on East street, and the committee recommended that he be notified to remove them, if he wished to preserve them, so that the walks around his lot on East street can be worked to the line and graded to correspond with the street. They further stated that they found the "drive of East street" very steep and not in very good shape, but thought a loaded team could drive over it with no difficulty. The report of the committee was accepted.

The city clerk reported that the manager of the Vermont Telephone and Telegraph company had reported to him that the company was ready to give the city two more free telephones and wished the city, if it wanted them, to state where they should be installed; and the manager had also stated that the trustees of the library had made a request to him that the city place one of the free telephones and the library loaned the other. The matter was referred to the property committee.

The deeds from Fred S. Bruce and wife, and from James Abner and wife transferring a strip of land five feet wide adjoining their respective properties on Eastern avenue, on which the present sidewalk now is, to the city, were read and accepted.

The city engineer reported that he had inspected all the city reservoirs and found them in good condition, and also that he had examined all the bridges in the city. He recommended that the bridges on Seminary Hill and Blackwell streets be reinforced and that the covered bridge on South Main street be grooved up, the old props having worn away, and the bridge be posted at once as unsafe for loads of more than 20 tons. The reports were accepted and the council adjourned at 8:45 and went into executive session.

CAMPBELL'S BOARD.
City Officials Deny That The Municipality Is Liable For Bill.

The Barre authorities do not know on what grounds the state of Vermont can hold this city liable for the two months' stay of James B. Campbell, promoter and president of the U. S. Quarries and Granite Construction company, in the county jail, pending disposition of Mrs. Katharina Sterling's suit against him for desert in sale of stock. Campbell did not have a legal residence in this city, was not listed here and had not voted here. It is understood that he paid taxes to the city of Montpelier last spring, and that there was some difficulty over the payment of the additional costs of collection.

If the state should attempt to force the bill on the city, it is probable that the matter will be contested. Both Mayor Robins and City Clerk Mackay stated today that they had not been notified by Sheriff Tracy that the city of Barre would be held for Campbell's board during his stay in jail. This is directly in contradiction to the action that the city had been notified shortly after his arrest. Mrs. Sterling, the plaintiff in the suit, resides in Barre Town.

VERY GOOD INCREASE
BY VERMONT BANKSDeposits Gained \$5,354,595.40 During the
Year Past, According to the Bank
Commissioner's Report.

The report of the state bank commissioner, L. A. Cobb of Island Pond, for the year ending June 30, 1907, which has just been published, shows a great gain for the savings banks and trust companies of the state. The resources of the banks increased \$6,223,380.67, and their deposits increased \$5,354,595.40. Of the deposit increase, \$4,883,079.44 was by residents of the state.

There are now 161,070 depositors, an increase of 9,720. Of this increase 9,025 are residents of Vermont. The number of depositors having more than \$2,000 each is 1,584.

The total deposits now carried by Vermont savings banks and trust companies are \$57,344,294.48.

GROTON'S OLDEST RESIDENT.

Mrs. Nelson Whitcher Died Yesterday at
Age of Nearly 92 Years.

Groton, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Nelson Whitcher died at an early hour Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abbie Lumsden, with whom she made her home. Had she lived until the 3d day of March she would have been ninety-two years of age, being the oldest person in town. Mrs. Whitcher fell and injured one hip a few years ago, and she then has been unable to walk, but moved about in a wheel chair. She retained all her faculties to a remarkable degree for one of her advanced years. The last of November she sustained a slight shock and has been a great sufferer the last few weeks of her life. Deceased has resided in town for many years. Her maiden name was Harriet Eastman, and she was the last of a family of five children. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Albert Whitehill and Mrs. Abbie Lumsden. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the house.

GODDARD SEMINARY
GETS \$1,000 BEQUESTBy Will of the Late Philena D. Davis
of Lebanon, N. H.—Whole Estate
Amounts to \$30,000.

Lebanon, N. H., Jan. 7.—By the will of the late Mrs. Philena D. Davis, the bulk of the property, which amounts to about \$30,000, was left to a niece in Chicago, Ill., and two nephews, residing in Nebraska. There were several small bequests, among which is one of \$1,000 to Goddard seminary of Barre, Vt. Attorney A. L. Chamberlin of this place is named as executor.

HOT WATER FOR THIEF.

Maid in Vermont Judge's Home Chased
Robber With Kettle.

Burlington, Jan. 7.—A plucky maid employed at the home of Judge E. C. Mower threw a kettle of boiling water upon a burglar who had looted the house yesterday afternoon. She ran after him, and her cries attracted others, who joined in the pursuit, but the thief escaped.

The maid was alone in the house when she heard some one prowling about the front room. She investigated and saw a strange man. Running to the kitchen, she caught a kettle of water from the stove and started after him. He was unaware of her presence until she was near enough to throw the water over him. He bolted out of the front door, carrying with him \$20 in money and a few valuables.

TEN CANDIDATES

Apply for Certificates From State Phar-
macy Board.

The annual meeting of the state board of pharmacy is being held in Montpelier today, with all the members present, W. F. Root of Brattleboro, W. H. Warner of Vergennes, G. B. Rolfe of Burlington and D. F. Davis of Barre. Eight candidates for pharmacists' certificates appeared this morning and two more are expected. The annual election of officers will be held this evening, at which it is expected, the old board will be re-elected.

TO GET BIG ATTENDANCE.

Vermont Knights of Pythias Playing for
Big Convention.

A conference of the state Knights of Pythias committee to insure a large attendance at the national K. of P. convention in Boston, which begins August 3, was held in Montpelier last night. The members of the committee are H. W. Buchanan of Barton Landing, W. L. Davis of Rutland, G. W. Bailey of Essex Junction, C. M. Willey of Barre and C. S. O. Tinker of St. Johnsbury.

BIG GROWTH
WAS NOTEDIn Granite Mutual Fire Insur-
ance Company

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Over Half a Million Dollars Insurance
Has Been Written Since March 1,
1907—Splendid Pros-
pects.

The second annual meeting of the rapidly growing Granite Mutual Fire Insurance company was held to-day at the company's home office, Wood building in this city. Reports of the great progress of this concern were received with pleasure by the stockholders. Over six hundred members have joined hands with the organization since March 1, 1907, placing over half a million dollars worth of business on the company's books, with a capital of \$78,067 on January 1, 1908, for the payment of losses. Losses since the company began doing business have not been large, and all have been settled and paid promptly.

Directors were elected as follows: A. P. Abbott, Battista Albizzati, Frank H. Burke, James Campbell, Thomas H. Carve, Jr., Harlie F. Cutler, Oramel J. Dodge, Ernest A. Brown, Frank G. Howland, Albert A. Sargent, H. William Scott, Harrison G. Woodruff, Al of Barre; Frank C. Hancock, Charles N. Barber, John Trow all of Barre Town; George Kent, Rufus G. Robinson and Alexander J. Young, of Berlin; W. H. Sprague of Chelsea; Edwin Davis of White River Junction.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, these officers were chosen: President, F. G. Howland; vice-president, H. G. Woodruff; vice-president, Charles N. Barber; secretary, R. G. Robinson; treasurer, H. W. Scott; auditor, T. H. Cave, Jr.

The Granite Mutual has an authorized cash capital guaranty fund of \$100,000, of which only \$10,000 has been called in, as a ready reserve.

At the present rate of growth, but a few years will pass before the company will rank with the best; in fact, the protection given now is better than that of many of the so-called good companies doing business in Vermont, and no one need fear putting a part of his insurance, at least, in this conservative and well-managed institution. Nearly all kinds of insurable property are covered at rates adequate to the hazard, which must necessarily make the company a desirable one—especially in a country village, where many concerns have a prohibited list of properties they will not write on.

Conservative underwriting is the Granite Mutual's motto, and is adhered to strictly, also the company might have grown very much faster; the management believes many small risks well scattered better than a few large ones, and their agents understand their work is "limited lines on the best risks and not small, cheap, run-down property."

One of the best evidences of stability is the manner in which the company is received at home, the people of Barre giving it a very hearty support. Information as to the business will be gladly given. The company is looking for progressive agents in towns in Vermont where they are not represented; they now have agents in many of the larger places in the state.

To-day's meeting was presided over by Vice-president Woodruff, in the absence of President Howland, who was detained at home because of illness. Two new names appear on the governing board for the ensuing year, they being W. H. Sprague of Chelsea and Edwin Davis of White River Junction.

TRANSFERRED TO ELECTRICS.

Did the Passengers on The M. & W. R.
Train When Engine Was Disabled.

The engine Arthur Tandy on the Montpelier & Wells River passenger train, which left the station in this city at 7:30 o'clock for Montpelier, met with a slight accident near the Jones Brothers' plant. One of the journals on the rear trucks of the engine broke and dropped down onto the track. The engine was moving very slowly at the time, so that it was quickly stopped and no further damage was done. It was some time before the engine could be moved so that the dozen or more passengers had to continue their way to Montpelier by the electric.

A HORSE SHED DRAMA.

A Man, Two Horses and One Gate Figure
as Chief Actors.

Scene—Horse sheds off Washington street.

Time—Three by the afternoon clock.

Cast of characters—One double team, driven by a man.

Enter the team, driven at a lively pace by said man. Interposed across his pathway, a heavy gate, padlocked and posted with "Hitch no horses" labels. Man not blind, but he drives full tilt against said interposing gateway. "Smash! Crash! Bang!"

"There, consarn yer!" and over the refuse crossed the team into the horse shed territory, where Mr. Driver calmly proceeds to hitch his horses.

What is this drama? Simply another chapter in the "horse shed war."

GRANITEVILLE.

There will be a public installation of Maple Leaf camp, Thursday evening, and all members and their lady friends are invited to be present. Afterwards there will be a dance.

International president Riddell, Leon Carroll, M. Wood and E. L. Williams of the international executive committee, and P. J. McCarthy, international secretary-treasurer, will be present at the meeting of the International Quarry Workers' union Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, at 7 o'clock.